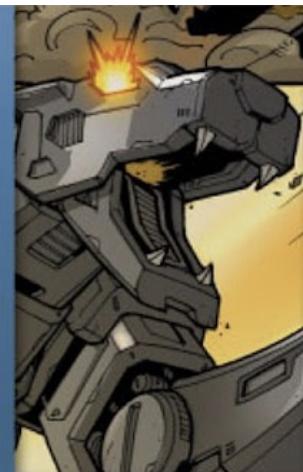




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He trusts no one, and no one trusts him. He appears to serve the Decepticon cause but serves himself first and foremost. Charged with policing the pumps and processors of his fellow Decepticons, he does so with zeal. To him, knowledge is power, and he knows everything there is to know about everyone... except, perhaps, himself! His name...

...IS SOUNDWAVE.

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EDEN, TEXAS. 1984:

THE VIEWPOINT IS PERFECT. FROM HERE,
I CAN SEE EVERYTHING. HEAR
EVERYTHING. NOTHING MOVES...

...WITHOUT MY BEING AWARE OF IT.

WHICH IS HOW I LIKE IT.
AFTER ALL...

...INFORMATION IS POWER.

WHEREAS THIS...

...AND
I KNOW YOU,
BABY, YOU, IT'S
TIME TO JUMP,
GOTTA ROLL OUT
NOW AND START
TO...

...IS JUST NOISE.



SINCE THEN THEY HAVE MAINTAINED A STEADY FLOW OF INFORMATION BACK TO THEIR CONTROLLER, ALL OF IT CENTERED AROUND A MYSTERIOUS ORE SAMPLE EXTRACTED FROM THIS EXPLORATORY DIG...

OUR INITIAL FINDINGS HAVE BEEN CROSSCHECKED AND VERIFIED.

THEIR HUSHED, CLANDESTINE UTTERANCES...

NO. WE'RE—

IT'S ULTRA-ENERGON. WE'RE TO MAKE OUR WAY TO THE RENDEZVOUS POINT AT DUSK.

...ARE DULY RECORDED FOR POSTERITY.

ARE WE BEING RECALLED?

WE'RE TO BE BRIEFED ON THE NEXT—AND FINAL—PHASE OF THE OPERATION.

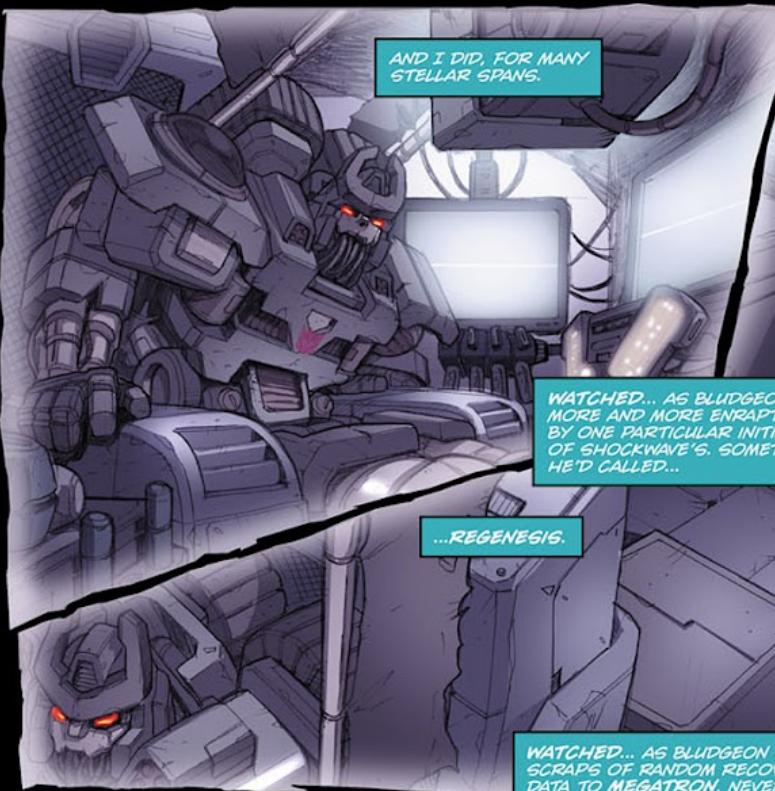
THERE'S... SOME ORDNANCE INVOLVED.

AT LAST, THEY HAVE BEEN SUMMONED...

...BY BLUDGEON.

YOU WILL CONDUCT A FULL AND PAINTSTAKING INVESTIGATION...



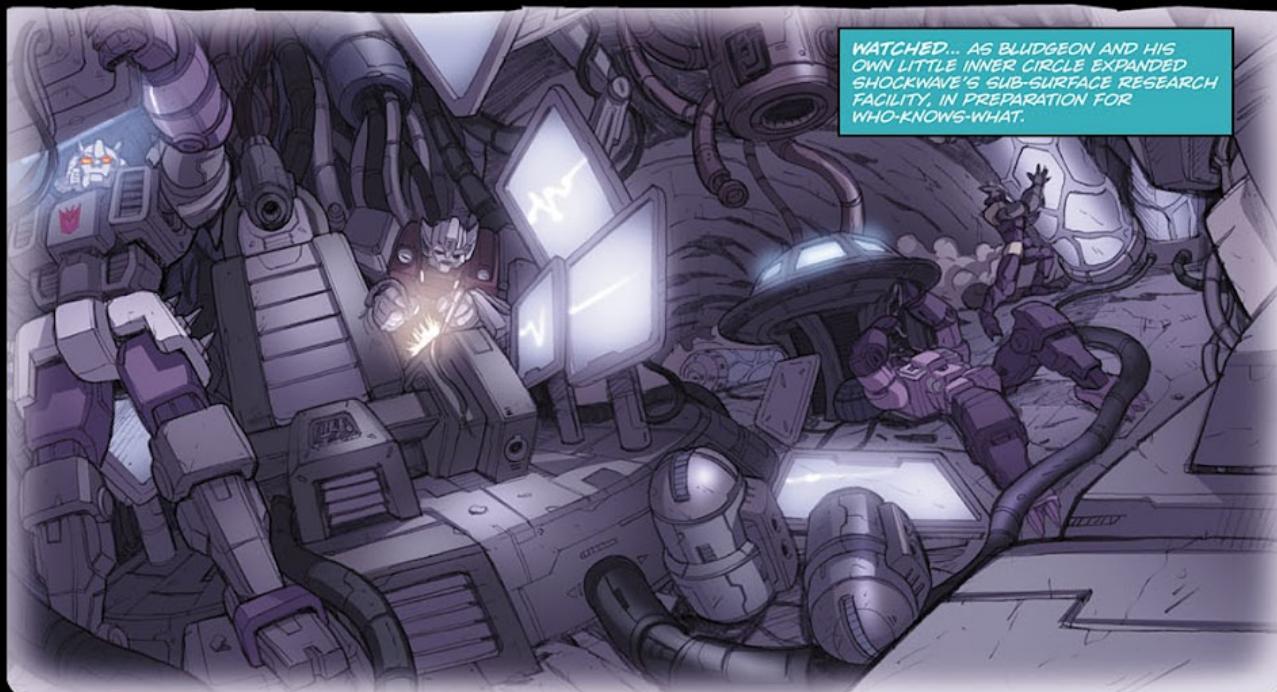


WATCHED... AS BLUDGEON GREW MORE AND MORE ENRaptured BY ONE PARTICULAR INITIATIVE OF SHOCKWAVE'S. SOMETHING HE'D CALLED...

...REGENESIS.



BY THE SAME TOKEN, NEITHER DID I.



WATCHED... AS SOMETHING WAS RECOVERED FROM CYBERTRON'S DEPTHS AND THEN SEALED BEHIND BLAST DOORS AND GUARDED AROUND THE CLOCK.

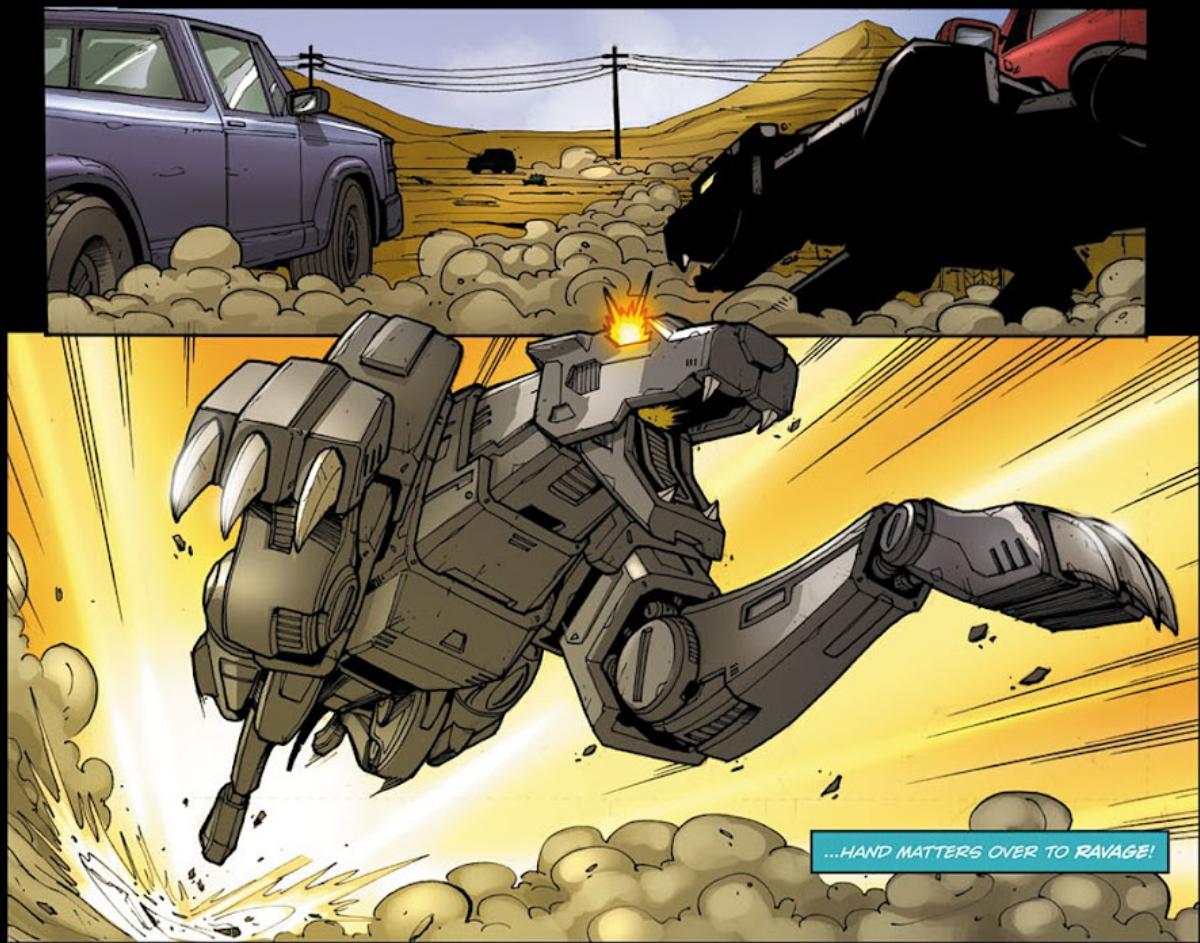
WATCHED... AS MUCH LATER, WELL AFTER CYBERTRON HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY DECLARED OFF-LIMITS—BLUDGEON, IGUANUS AND BOMB-BURST MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOURNEY...

...TO EARTH.

AND...
...WE'RE DONE.

...I FIND I HAVE NO GREAT DESIRE TO REPEAT THE EXPERIENCE.

EH, SUIT YOURSELF.





AND, AS BOMB-BURST PENETRATES THE HOLOMATTER SCREEN MASKING THE ENTRANCE TO BLUDGEON'S TEMPORARY BASE OF OPERATIONS...

...LASERBEAK CARVES OUT A MAKESHIFT EGRESS OF HIS OWN.

INSIDE...

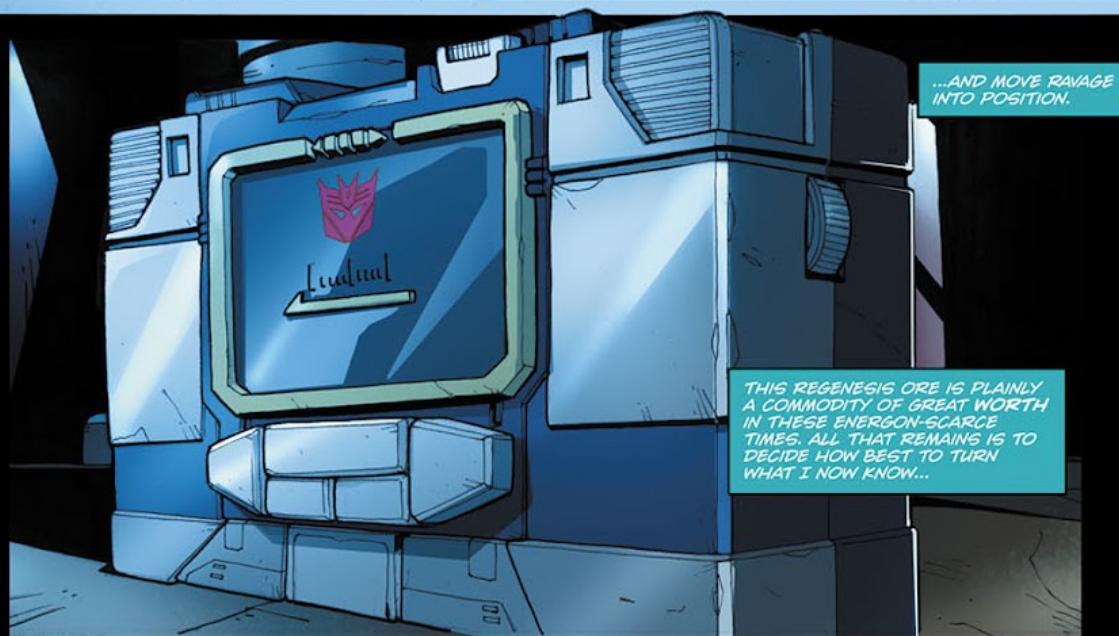
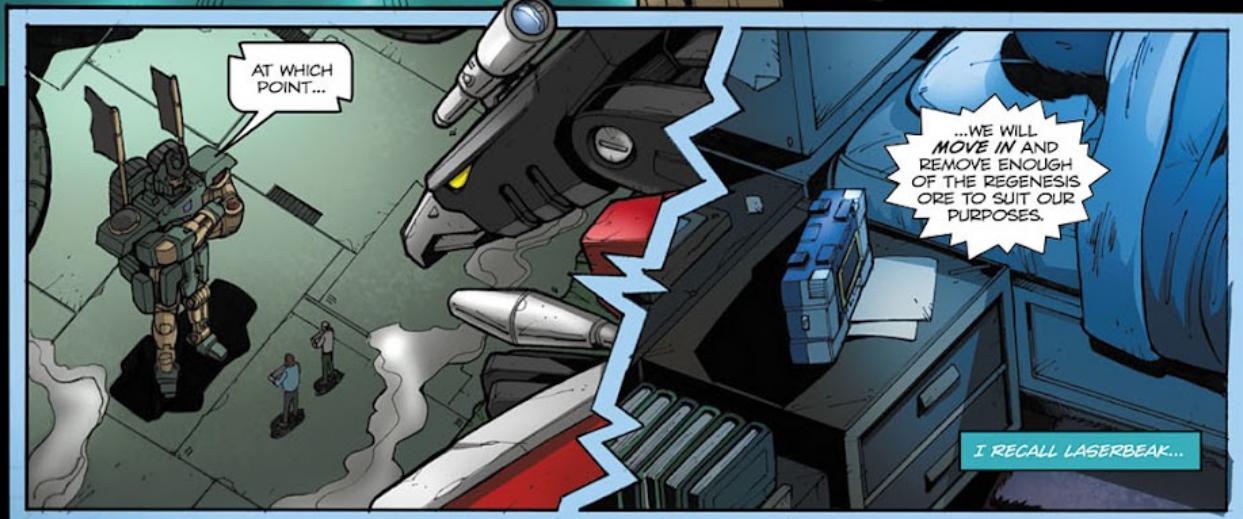
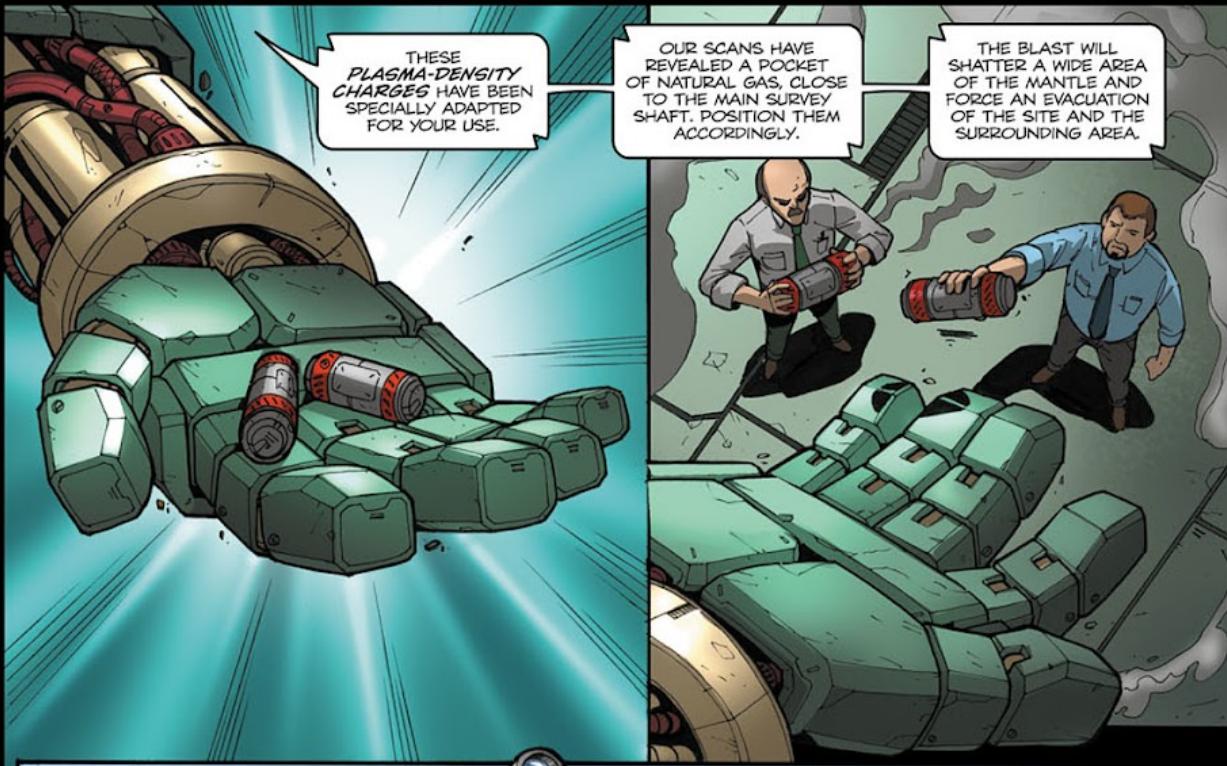
...THE FACSIMILES MEET THEIR MAKER.

FLEMING,
MARKHAM...

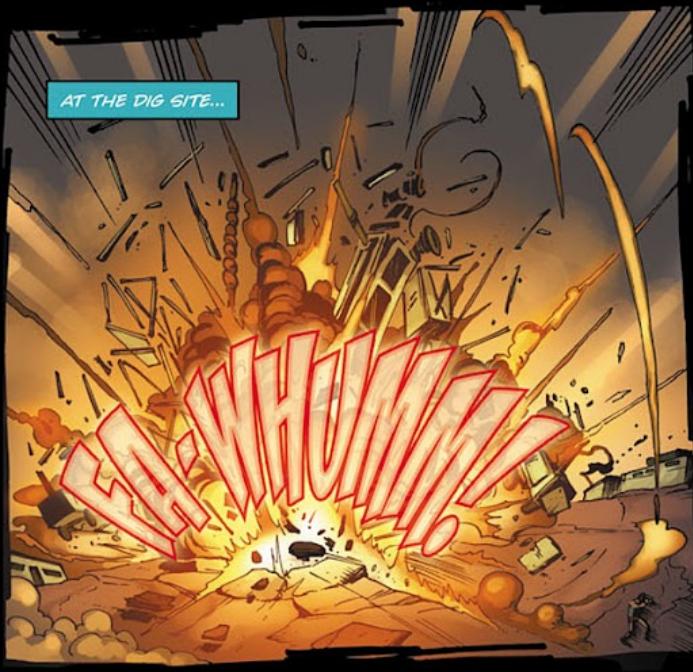
...YOUR WORK IS ALMOST DONE. ONE MORE TASK REMAINS, AFTER WHICH WE SHALL RETURN TO CYBERTRON AND YOU TWO...

...SHALL RETURN TO THE OBLIVION FROM WHENCE YOU CAME.

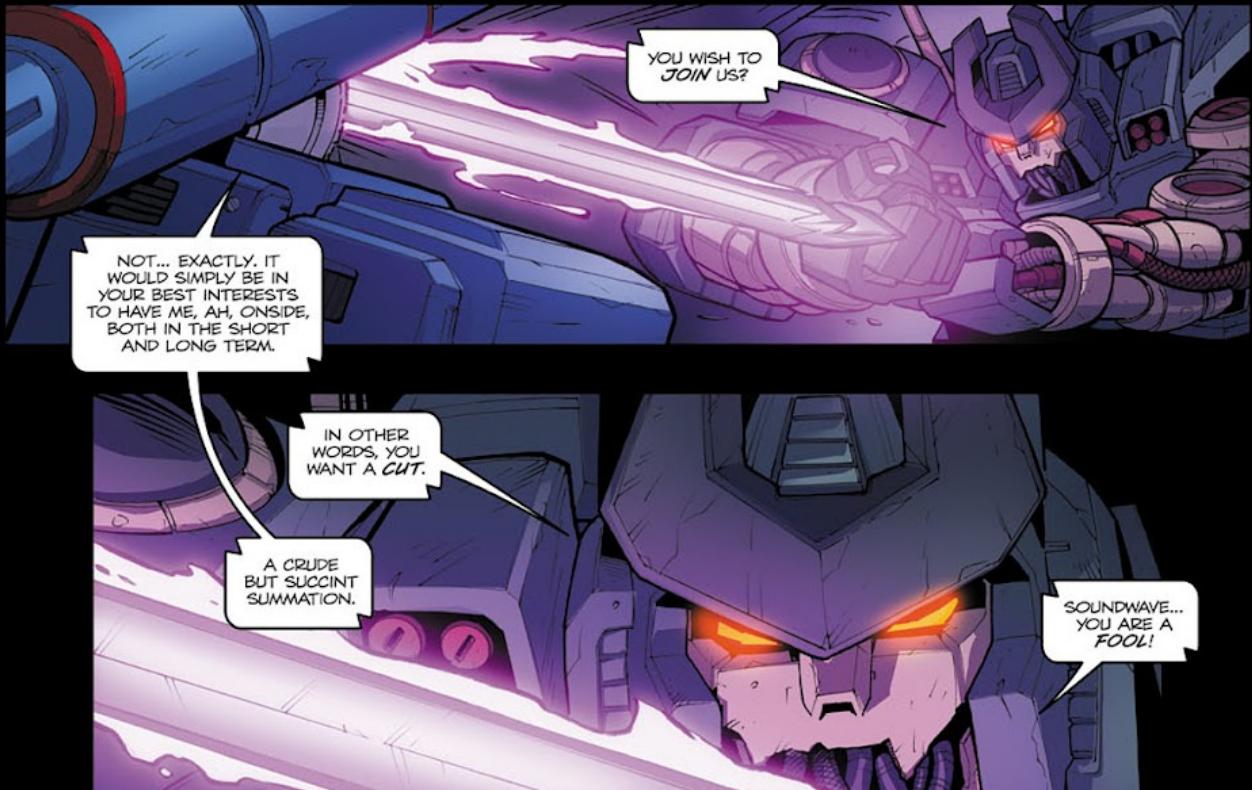
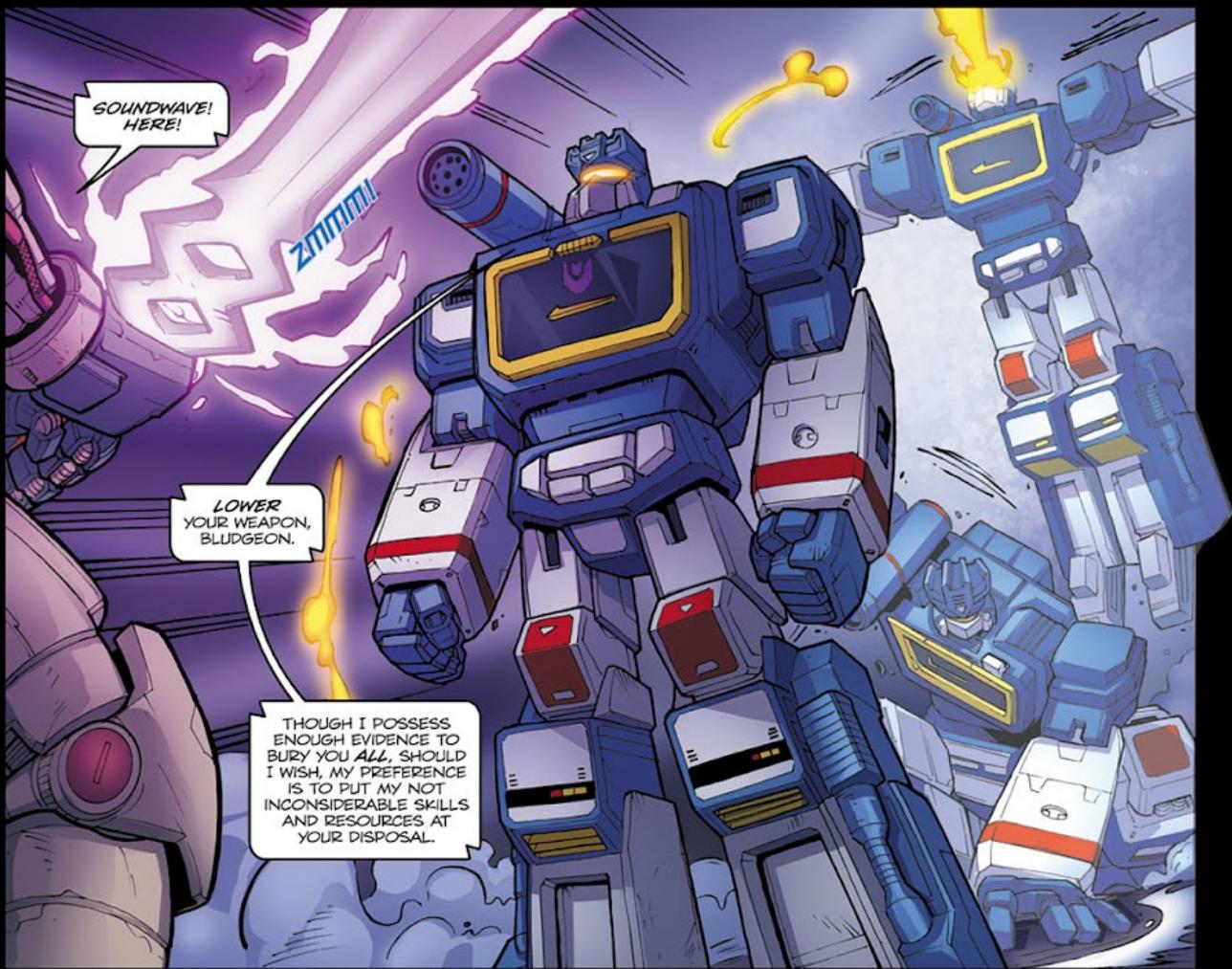
WE
UNDERSTAND.

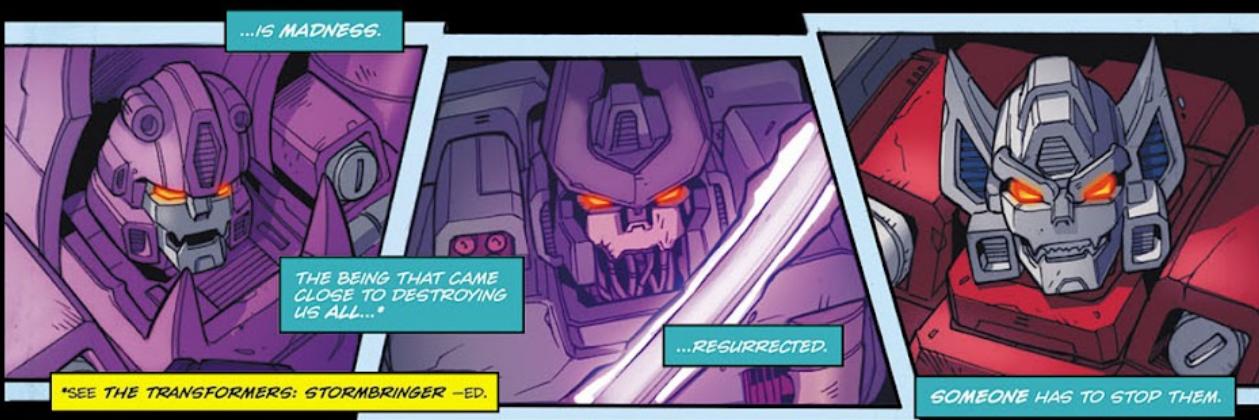




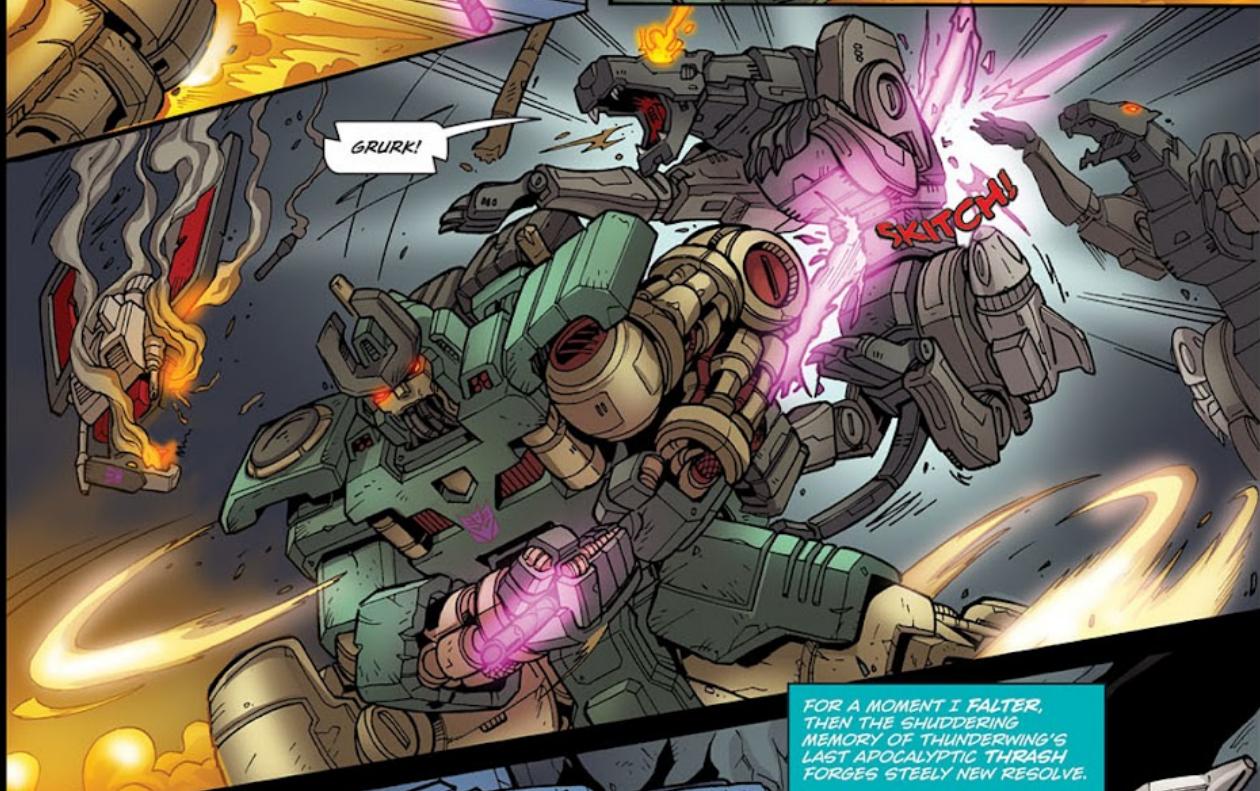












FOR A MOMENT I FALTER,
THEN THE SHUDDERING
MEMORY OF THUNDERWING'S
LAST APOCALYPTIC THRASH
FORGES STEELY NEW RESOLVE.

